Criteria for allotment of disposal vehicles

431. SHRI RAMJI LAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the criteria for allotment of disposal vehicles to MPs;

(b) whether the vehicles are supplied after the inspection/verification of the vehicles by MPs;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the number of these vehicles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The Members of Parliament (MPs) are eligible to apply, during their tenure, for allotment of a maximum number of 3 Army disposal vehicles comprising Jeeps, Jongas, Ambassador Cars (not more than one) and Motor Cycles, subject to their availability.

(b) MPs or their authorised representatives are allowed to inspect the vehicles.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Recovery of missiles from a school

432. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that two ground action missiles; manufactured at an Ordinance factory at Kirkee in Pune, were found inside the premises of a school in North East Bombay, as reported in the Times of India of March 31, 1993;

(b) whether Government have made an enquiry as to how these missiles used in ground war with considerable impact were taken out of the Kirkee factory;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what security measures have been taken to check thefts or smuggling of arms and other equipments from the Ordinance factories in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) In the news item published in the Times of India of 31st March, 1993, the two ground action Missiles were stated to have been found inside the premises of a school in North East Bombay. As reported by the Bombay Police to the Ammunition Factory Kirkee, 2 Numbers of Bomb Mortar 2" HE were found in a corner of Chembur High School Bombay, hidden below a stack of tiles, under a tree, adjacent to the school boundary wall. These Bomb Mortars are obsolete equipment for the Army who have very small holdings of such mortars. These mortars are also held by different Para Military forces. From available details, it is not possible to ascertain or indicate the source from which these bombs may have been taken out.

(d) All possible security measures in ammunition factories and ammunition depots are taken to prevent any theft/smuggling of arms and ammunition.

Pendown strike by MES clerks

433. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 4000 clerks employed with the Military Engineering Service all over the country have resorted to indefinite pen-down strike from 26th March, 1992 to press for their long standing demands for time bound promotion of clerks and class-IV employees, implementations of cadre review report etc.; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's reaction to their demands ?